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1907, containing also a list of reviews of Professor Maitland's works and miscellaneous works referring to Maitland.

A. A. P.

*Great American Lawyers. A History of the Legal Profession in America.* Edited by William Draper Lewis. Philadelphia. The John C. Winston Company. 3 vols.

This work, which when completed will consist of eight volumes, is designed to present a history of the profession in the United States as embodied in the essence of numerous biographies. Ninety-six names have been selected for treatment and five is the largest number of contributions by any one author. Many, doubtless, will quarrel with the inclusions and omissions but the work can not fail to prove entertaining to all who are either desirous of learning what different types of men have achieved success in American court-rooms from the days of Patrick Henry to the time of James C. Carter, or interested in tracing the changes which came about in the methods of legal instruction between the time when John Marshall listened to the lectures of Chancellor Wythe and the death of Professor Thayer.

The contributions themselves are written in different styles and are of varying merits. One is Mr. Joseph Choate's oration on Rufus Choate. Some are in the nature of impressionistic sketches based on standard biographies; others, as for example Chief Justice Baldwin's biography of Roger Sherman Baldwin, are careful and authoritative accounts drawn from original sources. The value of the work consists not so much in the essays on the leaders of the bar as in the fact that it presents in convenient and accessible form, what are not otherwise easily obtainable, biographies of those lawyers whose names, perhaps, are little known but whose work is sound and lasting. Taken as a whole these volumes are worthy of a place in the library of any lawyer or layman who cares for the traditions which cluster about, or the names which have adorned, the American bar.

W. P. A.

*Handbook of the Law of Private Corporations.* By Wm. L. Clark, Jr. Second Edition, Edited by Francis B. Tiffany. St. Paul, Minn. West Publishing Co. 1907. pp. xv. 721.

Mr. Clark, author also of the Hornbooks on "Criminal Law," "Criminal Procedure" and "Contracts," prepared the first edition